

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Claims 5-11 remain in the application. Non-elected claims 1-4 have been canceled without prejudice.

The Examiner requested an amendment to the title of the invention in view of the election that was made in response to the restriction requirement.

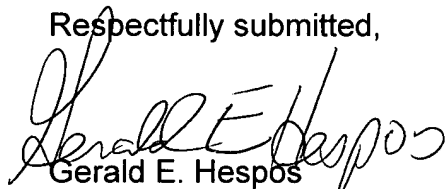
The amendment suggested by the Examiner has been adopted.

The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of the non-elected claims.

The non-elected claims have been canceled without prejudice.

In view of the preceding amendments and remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Examiner is urged to contact applicants attorney by phone if any other issues need to be resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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